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LENINGRAD GAS SYSTEM EXPANDES

GAS RECEIVED FROM KOKHTLA-YARVE PLANT -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 28, 4 Feb 49

The gas main from the Kokhtla-Yarve Shale Gas Plant to Leningrad has been completed. On 17 January the Government Commission accepted the installation and on 18 January a regular supply of illuminating gas to the city started.

During construction of the gas main, more than half a million cubic meters of earth had to be removed, 38,000 cubic meters of concrete and reinforced concrete had to be laid and 12,000 tons of metal structure had to be prepared and set up. In laying the 203 kilometers of gas main all kinds of difficulties including railroads, highways, 47 rivers, and many kilometers of swampy and rocky terrain were encountered.

GAS FACILITIES BEING EXPANDED -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 39, 17 Feb 49

The administration of "Lengazset'stroy" (Leningrad Gas-System Construction) has completed piping a number of additional streets for gas. During January, 5,300 meters of gas pipe were laid. This was more than 1½ times the January quota. The February quota calls for the laying of an additional 3,500 meters and will assure a gas supply for hundreds of Leningrad apartments.

Leningradskaya Pravda, No 43, 22 Feb 49

During the past month, gas service in Leningrad has been extended to 8,000 more apartments. There are now 76,000 apartments which have gas facilities. Of these only 57,500 are using gas. Fifteen thousand gas installations have also recently been put in. Gas mains have been laid along Rimskiy-Zorsakov, Dekabristy, Ryleyev, Chaykovskiy, and Plekhanov streets as well as along Baskov, Stolyarnyy, and Demidov (side) streets. Mains will be added in the near future along Pestel', Gagarinskaya, Dnepropetrovskaya, Rakov, and Inzhenernaya streets, and others. This will supply gas to many new subscribers. It is estimated that at the end of the year 100,000 apartments will have gas service. The gas is piped from the shale plant at Kokhtla-Yarve, and service is now maintained on a 24-hour basis.

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An Administration of Gas Management has been created under the Executive Committee of Leningrad Municipal Soviet of Workers' Deputies. The Administration, headed by Z. V. Solov'yev, unites four inter-rayon operation bureaus, a repair plant, a gasometer station, a construction-assembly bureau, a bureau for the development of medium and high pressure networks, municipal emergency service, a laboratory, a dispatcher service, and an automobile base.

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URBAN TRANSPORT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE IMPROVE

KHARKOV EXPANDS URBAN TRANSPORT -- Izvestiya, No 69, 24 Mar 49

Urban transportation in Kharkov is now established along 16 routes. The volume of passenger traffic is considerably greater than before the war. Kharkov will receive about 30 new light-duty streamlined trolley cars this year. The prewar number of trolley buses has doubled. Two new trolley bus routes have been opened.

MOSCOW TROLLEY SYSTEM MARKS 50th YEAR -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 74, 30 Mar 49

After 50 years of operation, the Moscow trolley system has 54 routes and 600 kilometers of lines. More than 250 all-metal 160-passenger cars operate on 14 of the routes. The system carried 1.3 billion passengers in 1948.

LENINGRAD INSTALLS TROLLEY-BUS LINES -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 82, 8 Apr 49

Construction of a new trolley-bus line connecting Finland Station with the vicinity of the "Gigant" Moving Picture Theatre has been started. Metal posts to support the overhead power wires have been set up. Assembly work will start soon.

Extensive work has been done on the new streetcar line which will connect Zhdanovskiy Beyon with the new Stadium imeni S. M. Kirov. This line will start at the Kultovskaya Loop, cross the new Great Koltovskiy Bridge, Andreyevskaya Street, Krestovskiy Prospekt, and will terminate in the area of the Primorsk Victory Park.

KALININGRAD STREETCAR AND BUS LINES RESTORED -- Investiya, No 81, 7 Apr 49

In the city of Kaliningrad, 60 kilometers of streetcar lines have been restored. Bus connection has been established with the cities of the Oblast. Repair has been completed on more than 870 kilometers of oblast roads.

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BAKU GETS NEW TAXICABS -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 39, 26 Feb 49

New passenger taxicabs have appeared in the streets of Baku. The taxicab park of the city consists of first-class Soviet automobiles M-20 and Pobeda. There are taxi stands near the railroad station, in front of the "Azneft" building, on the Molodezh' Square, and the Dimitrov Square. The number of taxi stands will soon be increased. By the end of the year, the taxicab park of the Ministry of Automobile Transport will include 100 Pobeda automobiles. Special telephone booths will be installed on the streets for calling passenger cabs and freight trucks.

BELOARUSIA TO RECEIVE 160 TAXICABS -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 41, 26 Feb 49

The Moscow correspondent of Sovetskaya Belorussiya was informed by the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry USSR that the Belorussian cities are to receive during the current year, 160 Pobeda passenger cars to be used as taxicabs. Twenty-six automobiles will be shipped in March.

LATVIAN ROAD REPAIR STARTS -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 76, 1 Apr 49

Preparatory work for road repair has started in Latvian SSR. The construction of a plant which will produce black-top asphalt concrete will be completed in April. The first consignment from the plant will be used to repair the Riga-Vezor'ye Road as far as Lielupe.

In connection with the repair of this road, the wooden bridges on the highway will be replaced with reinforced-concrete-pile bridges of a permanent type. The Riga-Pakov Road, 34 kilometers long, and the Riga-Daugavpils Road as far as Keguma, a distance of 27 kilometers, will also be asphalted this season.

LATVIAN HIGHWAY REPAIR STATION ESTABLISHED -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 70, 25 Mar 49

The Main Road Administration of the Soviet of Ministers Latvian SSR has set up a highway repair station (mashino-dorozhnaya stantsiya) which will carry out construction and repair of republic automobile highways. The necessary machines and equipment for the station have been received from other republics of the Soviet Union.

TALLIN STARTS ROAD REPAIR -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 76, 1 Apr 49

During the spring and summer of 1949 the city of Tallin will undertake capital repair work on 150,000 square meters of Pyram Avenue and Tehnika, Toompae, and Tondi streets. The approach to "Dinamo" Stadium will be repaired and asphalted.

KOLKHOSES START ROAD-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM -- Sabayhal'skiy Rabochiy, No 48, 11 Mar 49

A large volume of road construction, including capital repair and construction of 200 running meters of bridges and 20 kilometers of roadbed, has been planned for Sretenskiy Rayon, Chita Oblast, in 1949. Three hundred cubic meters of commercial timber have been cut by kolkhoz workers for bridge construction and 120 cubic meters of stone have been procured. Workers on the Kolkhoz imeni Kirov have pledged to construct a 25-meter bridge across the Kurlyoh River.

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Almost all kolkhozes that have completed preparations for spring sowing are now engaged in road construction.

NOVOSIBIRSK PLANS NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 37, 23 Feb 49

The Novosibirsk Oblast conference of road workers, which has just ended, was headed by Khandoshko, chief of the Road Section of the Oblast Executive Committee and General-Mayor Batrakov, chairman of the permanent road construction commission of the Oblast Soviet of Workers' Deputies. It was reported that the 1948 plan for new road construction in Bolotninskiy Rayon was exceeded by 100 percent and 327 running meters of artificial installations were built instead of 70 running meters.

The conference appealed to all workers, engineers, technicians, and employees of the road economy, and also to kolkhoz workers, to complete the year road-building plan by 7 November. The plans call for the construction of 100 kilometers of new road and 2.8 kilometers of bridges and pipes, and for considerable repair work. All main roads and side roads at railroad stations will be put into good order by the beginning of the harvest.

NEW BRIDGE TO CROSS OB' RIVER AT NOVOSIBIRSK -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 37, 23 Feb 49

The Novosibirsk Ship-Repair Plant has produced 40 steel pontoons for the bridge connecting the right shore with Kirovskiy Rayon across the Ob' River. The "Sibsel'mash" (Siberian Agricultural Machinery) Plant has provided brigades of carpenters to assemble the pontoons.

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